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England manager Bobby Robson (left) with his friend, TV interviewer Michael Parkinson, after England's 2-1 victory over Australia in Sydney in May, 1981.

Shilton, Francis but England 'experimental'

By PHILIP MICALLEF

Manager Bobby Robson says the England team to play in Australia next month will be "experimental."

England will play three full internationals against Australia on June 12, 15 and 19 but Robson confirmed earlier speculation that his best players would not be available.

Robson said from his Ipswich home the England team would be made up of a "50-50 merger" between experienced and promising players.

"The England squad will be based on some of the most promising players in England at the moment," Robson said.

"We'll be looking at whether they have the potential to develop their skills at International level."

Robson said he would announce the travelling party of around 20 this week.

The England manager strongly denied suggestions his England side would be a second rate or 'B' team.

"I can hardly call a side featuring such accomplished players as Peter Shilton and Trevor Francis a 'B' team," Robson pointed out.

"It's not the best available team but Australian fans will not be disappointed because there actually will be only a little difference."

Robson hopes three Liverpool stars will be able to play in the second and third internationals in Brisbane and Melbourne.

"Liverpools are playing in Hong Kong in early June and I expect Phil Neal, Phil Thompson and Sammy Lee to be available on June 15 and 19," Robson said.

Robson was assistant manager of the England team that beat Australia 2-1 in Sydney three years ago but the English supremo knows very little of the current Australian squad.

"Three years ago the Australians impressed me with their physical qualities and their enthusiasm," Robson said in a classic display of diplomacy.

The English Press is apparently losing interest in the tour.

Some of the Fleet St dailies that had intended to send their representative to cover the Australian tour are having second thoughts.

"The players making the tour do not warrant the expense," The Standards' Michael Hart said.

Among the best-known players who are not likely to tour are Manchester United's Bryan Robson and Steve Coppell, Tottenham Hotspur's Ray Clemence and Glenn Hoddle and Arsenal's Tony Woodcock and Graham Rix.

Spurs and Manchester United will be playing against each other in Swaziland and Arsenal will be in Indonesia.

But Aston Villa striker Peter Withe could yet be available for the tour.

An exploratory knee operation has shown less damage than expected. Manager Tony Barton confirmed: "Apart from taking away a few flakes of cartilage, the specialists found nothing like the problems we feared."

Withe's other injury — a depressed fracture of the cheekbone — which suffered in England's last match against Hungary, is healing well.

Despite the expected absence of so many stars the England selectors still can call upon players of excellent quality such as:

Bissett, Barnes, Callaghan (Watford); Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley (Aston Villa); Anderson (Notts Forest); Chamberlain (Stoke); Shilton, Moran, Armstrong, Mills, Wallace (Southampton); Martin, Parkes, Devonshire (West Ham); Mariner, Butcher, Osmond, Gates (Ipswich); Regis (West Brom); Hunt, Thompson (Coventry); Stelo, Hill, Walsh (Luton); Caton, Reeves (Man. City); Foster (Brighton); Francis (Sampdoria).

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NSL VOTES FOR NEW- LOOK LEAGUE

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Ambitious State League clubs in Melbourne and Sydney are gearing up to enter the regionalised NSL next season — but first, stand by for the great Federation fight!

The NSL council of clubs, after agreeing to regionalisation at a meeting in the Hakoah club at Bondi last Saturday, has asked for a meeting on May 20 of the ASF's NSL sub-committee so that the plan can be officially presented.

The committee is made up of ASF and NSL delegates.

But the NSW federation president, Karl Rodny already has announced his opposition to the plan.

And VSF officials would prefer the NSL clubs to return to their State leagues, rather than regionalising the NSL.

Thirteen of the 14 clubs represented at last Saturday's meeting voted in favor of the following plan for regionalisation:

- A northern and a southern division of 12 clubs each.
- The north to comprise: the five present Sydney-based NSL clubs plus three new ones from the NSW State League, one from the ACT (Canberra Arrows), one from Northern NSW (Newcastle KB Utd), Wollongong plus one more from a NSW rural centre;
- The southern region to comprise the four present Melbourne-based NSL clubs, the two from South Australia (Adelaide City and West Adelaide), two from Queensland (Brisbane Lions and Brisbane City) and four teams from the Victorian State League;
- Instead of the 12 teams in each region playing each other twice, the way all other leagues operate, they will play only once against the teams in their own region, and once against the teams in the other region;
- A final five series to be run in each region at the end of the season, with the two winners playing off for the national title;
- The Australian champion club to meet the champion of the North American Soccer League home and away for an inter-continental Cup;
- No additional representation for South Australia or Queensland, and no team to be admitted from Tasmania at this stage;
- In discussion during the meeting, the delegates agreed that crowd support should be a major criterion in admitting new clubs to the NSL.
- A final five series to be run in each region at the end of the season, with the two winners

Only one club — Brisbane Lions abstained from voting.

Newcastle and Adelaide City were not represented at the meeting.

In Melbourne, the president of Croatia, Joe Sigur, announced immediately that his club would be among the candidates for inclusion.

"Everyone wants to play in a higher league,

and Croatia is no different," he said.

support to at least 4000.

"Half of the State League does nothing for soccer. Some just support and money well. They deserve it."

He added he would like to see George Cross and Ajax amalgamating to form a new NSL club.

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If you don't like the game you can get your cash back

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Now you can get your money back if the game you've paid to see turns out to be a bore.

The money-back guarantee is one of the most imaginative innovations in soccer.

It's been introduced by St. George coach Frank Stark who will lead Australia in its three internationals against England next month.

And it will apply for the first time at St. George's next home match against Footscray J.U.T.

That's right — if it's a bad game, you get your cash back!

It's not as simple as that, however.

First, to be eligible for the money-back guarantee, you'll have to pay a \$5 admission charge, instead of the usual \$4. Call it insurance, if you like, or call it a shrewd way for St. George to make an extra buck.

A panel of five people will decide whether or not the money should be returned to the fans who paid their \$5.

The panel will comprise:

- one spectator chosen by ticket number;
- one representative of the firm sponsoring the match (St. George has 13 match sponsors);

● one sports writer;

● one former player and

● one guest of honor.

Five criteria will be used in judging the match. They are:

The top vote is six, going down to 4, then 2, and finally minus-4 if it's a real bore.

In the area of fairness, 2 votes are cast if no yellow cards are shown during the game. Every yellow card shown represents a minus-2 vote, and every red card a minus-five vote.

In the areas of entertainment and commitment, 2 votes will be cast by the panel.

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The votes then are counted and if they don't total 60, money will be refunded.

St. George will offer its money-back guarantee at each of its remaining 10 home matches.

Young 'Roos, Heidelberg thrill Tasmania



Les Scheinflug, Jim Patikas and Raul Blanco arrive for training at the Domain Athletic Centre in Hobart. Photos by Walter Pless.



Scheinflug addresses the Young Socceroos at a training session during the squad's four-day visit to Tasmania.

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ston
Australia: Hummel (Miller 46) — Maier, McCulloch, Dakos, Rizzotto — Stewart, Patikas, Incantalupo (Fabrizio 46) — Farini (Maxwell 46), Lowe, Glockner, Heidelberg: Oliver (Kardamitis 69) — McKie, MacLeod, Yankos, Spanos, St. John, Taro, — Petersen, Patterson.

The Australian Youth Team and Heidelberg United gave an excellent display of soccer before a large crowd at Grove Road in Tasmania last Wednesday night. The game was entertaining, despite the lack of goals, and the Tasmanian public was able to see some of Australia's finest players in action.

Heidelberg had the best of the opening half hour and came close to scoring at least

three times. The best opportunity came after 20 minutes when Ralf Maier's back-pass was intercepted wide on the left by Mike Petersen who also beat the advancing goalkeeper before crossing to an empty goalmouth but the ball was cleared before any Heidelberg player could get a touch.

The final 15 minutes of the half saw the youth team exerting tremendous pressure, culminating in the shot of the night by David Lowe. Jim Patikas' cross to Lowe was met by a defender, allowing the Newcastle youngster to volley a shot that struck the underside of the bar but the ball bounced back into play. How the woodwork remained upright is still a mystery!

Both teams squandered good chances in the second half. While the build-ups were good, the finishing was poor and the game fizzled out to a scoreless draw.

There were numerous fine

performances on the evening, from players on both sides. Tom McCulloch and Lowe were outstanding for the youth team. McCulloch was calm and cool under pressure and made things happen whenever he ventured forward, while Lowe was mobile, fast, skillful, and always dangerous.

Heidelberg played very well and gave a polished display that confirmed its position near the top of the NSL ladder.

Les Scheinflug and Ken Morton were both pleased with their teams' performances. "It was a good exercise for the team," said Scheinflug. "I was pleased with Heidelberg's performance too. They gave us a good, solid workout."

Morton conceded that his team was lacking a bit in front of goal. "We were terrible up front," he said. "Our build-up from the back was good but we had problems with our finishing."



Ken Morton and Les Scheinflug discuss their teams' prospects before the big clash at Grove Road in Tasmania.

Let's see how good these Saints are!

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS



With the three internationals coming up against England next month, I've been interested to see some new names being mentioned for Socceroo selection. Good luck to them!

My own concern, however, is that some in soccer circles have been critical of my own form.

I'm the first to admit that I'm not playing the soccer I did last season.

But let's analyse the situation.

Technically, Olympia is playing differently than last year, with the emphasis on quick and early passing. We've also got a new formation, with four players in the middle of the pack, rather than three.

It's something that takes time to adjust to.

What's more, there are six new players in the Olympia line-up this year, and in that situation, you don't develop understanding and cohesion straight away.

Personally, I have not lost any of my enthusiasm and I'm still training as hard as ever, just like the rest of the boys at Olympia.

We have had some good victories, and we could be heading up with the leaders had we won Footscray J.U.S.T., but we know we haven't produced the form of which we are capable.

I find I'm getting less of the

ball this year than I did in past seasons, and so I can't show as much creativity or individual flair, but I'm sure that the fans acknowledge that you can't forget how to play soccer in a period of two months. None of us has forgotten, as you'll see in coming weeks.

Saints battle

My fellow Olympic midfielders and I are up against Peter Stomps and Mark Barton this week. Much has been said about them, two. Now let's see how good they really are.

Saints are my former club, of course, and I'm looking forward to playing against them.

There is particular interest in the game because so many of the players are in line for selection for Australia's games against England, and they'll be under the eagle eye of coach Frank Arok, the Saints boss who will coach the Socceroos in the three-match series.

Those in line for selection are: Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings, Peter Rakopoulos and I from Olympia, and Terry Greedy, Mike O'Shea, David Ratcliffe and Peter Stone of St. George.

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saying that Australian soccer is no good. Here they have the chance to go along and be proved wrong, and they have nothing to lose.

Shrewd Arok

While on the subject of St. George, what about the club's new "money-back guarantee"? If the game's no good, you can get your cash back!

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Beauty, Boral!

On behalf of all the players in the NSL let me thank Boral Bricks for its \$2500 sponsorship of "Soccer Action's" highly-regarded Player of the Year award.

Without doubt, this award will help raise the standard of play even higher because

players will be trying to produce the very best in order to be in the running for the big cash prize.

Last year, when I won the "Soccer Action" award, my aim from the start of the season was to poll votes regularly. It's the same now with all the players.

I like the way the award is being run.

The voting, on a 5-4-3-2-1 basis, ensures that as many players as possible are involved. It's better than 3-2-1 for this reason.

A prize of \$1500 is to go to the top player, and \$1000 to the top scorer in the league. I can be a bear-player, there

will be a countback, with

four in a row and then suddenly beating one of the big guns?

This is the backslash Olympic had to contend with, and of course, J.U.S.T. beat us 1-0.

It was one of those games in which they did everything right.

Goalkeeper Dennis Boland had a blinder and every other player fought as if his life depended on it.

When the final whistle sounded, their right back lay down on the ground, in relief, probably saying: "Thank God."

Focus on Phil Redmond

FULL NAME: Phillip John Redmond.

BIRTHDATE: 23/9/81. Phil is therefore born on the cusp of the Starsign Libra and Virgo, although he assures me that he's "not really into that sort of stuff".

PLACE OF BIRTH: Liverpool, England.

HEIGHT: 183cm (fairly big, in other words.)

PREVIOUS NICKNAME:

"Reddo"

OCCUPATION: A CA-4 (Not to be confused with the MI-4 for the Superannuation Board).

SUPERSTITIONS: None really. "But I do like to go onto the field each week, religiously, (that's in the habit sense, rather than the church sense), wearing both boots on the correct feet."

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JOHN TEASDALE — off to Australia.
Teasdale joins the Doc

Former Wolves and Walsall striker John Teasdale, who joined Wigan Athletic last month, has confirmed he is to sign for South Hellas, the Australian league club managed by Tommy Docherty.

He was included in the squad

for the new season in New York for a

pre-season tour.

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Tommy's dad, George McCulloch, in the stripes of Pan Hellenic.

Tony Curcio: again the artist of old

Tony Curcio has fought back courageously after serious injury, and has helped lift Melbourne Croatia to the top of the ladder with the artistry for which he is renowned off the field as well as on it.

Curcio, 23, a teacher at Albionvale Primary School in St. Albans, is a talented artist — so much so, that his house is so full of paintings that you can't find a wall in the place.

He's aiming to sell a few, just to make a bit of room.

Curcio broke his right leg at the shin while with Juventus.

A plaster cast was applied incorrectly, so it had to be taken off and then repositioned.

"After eight weeks, my leg has withdrawn the width of my arm," he said. "It took a lot of hard work to get back into soccer. I lacked a yard or more for a long time — and speed always has been my biggest asset — but I'm very happy with my form now."

"My soccer has improved a lot under our coach, John Gardiner. He knows exactly what to do, he's very organised, and all the players have benefited tremendously."

Curcio started with Altona City before joining Juventus, where he played senior soccer as a teenager. He's been at Croatia for two years now and has emerged as one of the finest right backs in Australia.

He's confident that Croatia will win the championship.

"We've got the biggest crowds and the best team. It would be a real boost for all of us if we won it," he said.

About Croatia's entertaining, attacking style, he said:

"Our biggest advantage is our goal difference, and we're determined to keep on building it up. We've got great forwards in Oslo Latif, Tommy Cumming and Josip Blasko, and if opponents pay too much attention to them, our midfielders get through and score."

Among Curcio's team mates is left-flanker Steve Gojevic. Their association goes back to the juniors, where Gojevic, at only eight years of age, was playing among 13-year-olds — Curcio among them.

"He was a chubby little kid then," chuckles Curcio. "You wouldn't think so looking at him now."

— LAURIE SCHWAB



One of his greatest assets is his ability to 'surge'. Not many players have it. Johnny Warren and Ray Baartz had it; Tony Henderson still has it; so have celebrated overseas aces like Platini, Falcao and Boniek. With four or five giant strides at full speed, with a body swerve or two and a sudden gear change, they gain vital space and time in midfield; the enemy lies exposed.

It's McCulloch No. 2 — just like Beckenbauer!



By ANDREW DETTRE

This lad McCulloch is really something special . . .

Generally, it's a good idea to exercise some caution when talking about our young, up-and-coming stars; far too many of them appear and then vanish like comets, disintegrating in the vacuum of indifference.

The longer you follow soccer the more such episodes come to mind, producing a long and sad list of wasted talent and misplaced hope. The saga of Australian soccer, you may say.

However — and let me say this in a whisper — Tommy McCulloch is a bit special; he could develop into our first superstar since John Warren. Could — I repeat! Nothing is certain in love and sport . . .

His coach, Doug Collins, regards him as the country's most outstanding talent — and that includes Jim Patikas and Doug Lowe, a point that would be debated by some.

McCulloch's style, his elegance and his off-tiveness all remind me of the young Beckenbauer," says Collins, then respectfully looks around to see if some teutonic god would strike him down.

But one suspects that Collins could be right: all the necessary ingredients are there in McCulloch: natural talent, ideal build, bulldog determination, controlled temper if not a stoic stance and an open, honest ambition to succeed. The right stuff, as they say about the astronauts.

Tommy McCulloch, captain of the young Socceroos and already a key member of the Marconi team, is slightly perplexed about all the sudden fuss and commotion around him. He is a quiet, unassuming and rather serious youngster without airs; his dark, deep-set eyes ooze with confidence without being cocky. He is matter-of-fact without being brash.

Pan Hellenic

Perhaps his background has something to do with it all.

Tommy was born in Glasgow, one of the great bastions of soccer, within walking distance of Ibrox Park. When he was one, his parents decided to migrate to Australia.

Well, not as run-of-the-mill migrants: George, his father, was "imported" to play for Pan Hellenic and he did, from 1968 to 1973, becoming one of the stalwarts of the team.

Tom doesn't remember seeing him play. "I must have," he says ruefully, "but I just can't recall. I wish I did. There were no videos those days, so all I can do is look at some old newspaper clippings."

George was a top-class defensive mid-fielder who also earned some NSW "caps" — against Victoria and one or two against touring teams," he says, but can't remember which ones.

If Tom must admit not remembering his father as a player, at least George can counter that by claiming never having coached his son.

"Ah yes," he says, "we did muck around in the backyard and in parks, but that's all. I never actually coached Tom in any of his junior teams."

"Very early, though, I gave him one bit of advice: learn to kick with both feet. And he did. I suffered in my days because I was a 'right-foot' player and didn't want Tom to go through that again. I'm happy to see he took my advice."

Young Thomas McCulloch began his career as a toddler — at four, appearing for a junior club at Marrickville. In fact, he played for the under-6 side for three years; the first year says his father, mainly watching the birds or the airplanes coming and going at nearby Mascot.

Clairvoyance

"Tom always showed talent," says his father, without any false modesty. "He had that knack of beating an opponent on the run even when he was very young. Just gliding past them. I guess it's natural to him."

Not entirely, says Tom. He worked at every facet of his game and, when he left Australia at 16 to join Marconi, he had the fundamentals and all the skills now apparent in his game.

And skills he has aplenty. Not really robust in build, he is however strong and very hard to shake off. His tackles are telling, his distribution smooth and his clairvoyance stunning for his age.

One of his greatest assets is his ability to "surge", not many players have it. Johnny Warren and Ray Baartz had it; Tony Henderson still has it; so have celebrated overseas aces like Platini, Falcao and Boniek. With four or five giant strides at full speed, with a body swerve or two and a sudden gear change, they gain vital space and time in midfield; the enemy lies exposed.

Tom is what you call an attacking mid-fielder for Marconi. Yet, for the Young Socceroos, he plays as sweeper. He says

thing: he loves scoring goals and from midfield his chances are better.

He would be the first to reject any claim that he is a complete player.

"My heading at goal is ordinary and I have to work on my sprinting ability," he says.

His fame came rather suddenly, after a near-disastrous 1982 season when damaged ligaments in both knees sidelined him for months. The soccer pundits began to rave about the "Marcon-kids": Calderon, Carbone, Licata and others and Tom McCulloch hobbled around behind them, waiting for his chance. It came this year.

Tom is not really the injured type," says his father. "For many seasons he never missed a game. Then everything happened last year. Maybe he's got all his problems out of his system."

Soccer family

You could expect that for a soccer-dad Scottish couple — George and his wife — Tom is the centre of the universe. Not so. They follow with the same interest the progress of their other sons, George Jun and Paul. George is with the Marconi Under-16s and Paul, 12, plays for Blacktown City.

They don't make any wild forecasts about the younger boys — Scots are frugal even with their praise — but one suspects that soon we'll be hearing more about McCullochs.

Even at home, Tom is just one of the boys.

"I fix lunch for him on match days," says his mother, making it sound like a big concession. At most other times Tom, dashing off to trainings and returning late at night, has to fend for himself. No breakfast in bed for superstar Tom before he trots off to work as a casual assistant in a sports store.

Father George works as a contract welder at Muswellbrook and lives there in a workers' camp. Every Friday night he drives home to Sydney — and then comes the soccer weekend: on Saturday he watches young George and Paul in action and on Sunday it's time to see Tom, when Marconi plays at home.

But he is not one of "those" soccer fathers who makes his presence felt, not hated, at grounds. When we met for a chat after a recent Heidelberg game, I had to introduce him to Doug Collins.

Tom is about to make his fifth overseas trip soon — to Mexico, for the World Cup finals. He's been with the team to Acapulco, New Guinea and Costa Rica. At 16 he spent three months training with Glasgow Celtic, arranged by Willie Wallace.

"You see little of the countries you visit on a soccer trip, but you get some degree of 'airtime' hotels and grounds. In Acapulco we saw a bit of the beaches and in Los Angeles, where he spent a week, we had a day to ourselves. It's training and playing all the time."

Mexico first

The thought of the World Cup finals doesn't scare him one bit. Neither does the responsibility of captaining his team on the hallowed turf of the Azteca stadium where he expects most of the 110,000 spectators will be occupied by hysterically patriotic fans screaming themselves hoarse with "Me-hi-co."

"I plan only as far as the first game, against Mexico," he says. "We must win that. Then we'll think about the next hurdles, against Scotland and North Korea, at Toluca."

"I honestly believe we can make round two. We beat Mexico once and drew with them once. They are a good team — but no better than us. And we will be stronger and fitter. Les Schelbflug will make sure of that. The team's spirit is fantastic."

What about Scotland, the reigning European champions — the homeland of his father and his own birthplace?

Tom gives the tiniest of shrugs with a sort of 'what-about-them' look.

"Just another team. Sure, I was born there but I don't feel Scottish. Mum and Dad might," he adds with a wink.

"Of course we do," George says, "but not when they play Australia. Don't forget this has been our home since 1965. It's here that two of our sons were born and Tom learned to walk."

"He's an Aussie and that's fine with me. Of course, it'll hurt a bit when they beat good old Scotland — but I still pray for the day to happen."



Australia's youth team captain Tommy McCulloch, in action for Marconi against Brisbane Lions.

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Three new Socceros

Three new players — Joe Rizzotto (Marconi), Tony Dakos (Olympic) and Steve Glockner (Brisbane City) — have been named in the final 18-man Australian squad for the World Youth Championships in Mexico next month.

And three players who helped Australia to qualify for the finals have missed out. They are Marcelo Salvo, Frank Farone and Luciano Fabrizio.

Salvo and Fabrizio are on standby should there be any injuries before the squad leaves on May 18.

The young Socceros arrive in Mexico on May 19 and will move on to Costa Rica from May 24 to 26 for two practice matches.

They return to Mexico on May 27, and will play their Group A matches against Mexico on June 2, Scotland on June 5 and South Korea on June 8.

The other groups are:

GROUP B: Poland, Ivory Coast, Uruguay, USA

GROUP C: China, Argentina, Czechoslovakia, Austria

GROUP D: USSR, Nigeria, Holland, Brazil

The second round, between the top two from each group, starts on June 11.

The third-place play-off is on June 18 and the final on June 19.

In the 1981 World Youth Championships, held in Australia, the young Socceros beat Argentina 2-1, drew 3-3 with Cameroon, drew 1-1 with England and lost 0-1 in the quarter-finals to the eventual world champion, West Germany.

Two players remain from that squad — Jim Patikas of Sydney Olympic, and Fabio Incalalupo of Juventus (Vic).

The Australian squad is:

GOALKEEPERS: Chris Hummell (Canberra), Anthony Franken (Aust. Inst. of Sport).

DEFENDERS: Ralph Maier (Newcastle), Ray Vleetstra (Wollongong), Tony Dakos (Olympic), Joe Rizzotto (Marconi), Roy Jones (AIS), Paul Daley (Melita Eagles).

MIDFIELDERS: Tom McCullough (Marconi), Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), Jim Patikas (Olympic), Fabio Incalalupo (Juventus), Steve Glockner (Brisbane City).

FORWARDS: Frank Farina (Canberra), Rod Brown, Rene Licata (Marconi), David Lowe (Newcastle), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions).

Players on standby: Robby Slater (St George), David Miller (Adelaide Azzurri), Marcelo Salvo (AIS), Luciano Fabrizio (AIS) and Steve Maxwell (Adelaide City).

The most likely team would be: Hummell — Maier, Dakos, Vleetstra, Rizzotto — Patikas, Stewart, McCullough, Incalalupo — Brown, Lowe.



Tony Dakos

NATIONAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

Last week's standings in brackets:

	HOME			AWAY				
	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts	
1. (2)	Preston-Makedonia	3	1	0	8	3	12.8	15
2. (4)	Newcastle KB United	2	2	0	5	2	20.2	10
*3. (1)	Brisbane City	3	0	1	10	8	14.0	14
4. (8)	West Adelaide Hellas	3	1	1	6	3	12.1	13
5. (7)	Sydney City Hakoah	1	3	0	5	3	20.2	8
6. (3)	Heidelberg-Alexander	3	1	0	6	1	7.7	12
7. (9)	Canberra Arrows	3	1	0	13	3	0.1	3
8. (5)	Sydney Olympic	1	1	2	5	3	2.1	5
*9. (6)	St. George Budapest	3	1	0	6	2	0.1	2
10. (14)	Marconi-Fairfield	2	1	1	5	5	1.0	3
*11. (11)	APIA-Leichhardt	2	1	0	3	0	0.1	3
12. (10)	South Melbourne Hellas	1	1	2	6	7	1.1	4
13. (12)	Adelaide City Juventus	2	1	1	8	5	0.1	3
14. (13)	Wollongong	0	3	1	5	8	1.1	2
*15. (15)	Brisbane Lions	2	0	1	7	2	0.1	3
16. (16)	Footscray J.U.S.T.	1	0	3	3	12	1.1	2

*Denotes match in hand.

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McDowell on way, Mitchell back

By LAURIE SCHWAB

NSL leader Preston-Makedonia is under threat from desperate South Melbourne Hellas in a thrilling round featuring six local derbies.

Hellas, having suffered four losses in a row — to St George, Wollongong, Bris-

bane City and Newcastle — got into gear for its clash with Makedonia at Middle Park by beating an under-strength Footscray J.U.S.T. 5-1 in a practice match.

J.U.S.T. played without six of its regulars, while Hellas missed only Alan Davidson, who is injured.

Scramble to join new-look NSL

From page one

In Sydney, Croatia and Melita Eagles are the leading candidates. The third may be a Penrith-based club, or perhaps Sutherland Shire.

NSL chairman Sam Papavassilis visited Tasmania recently to determine that State's eligibility, and apparently Tasmania is not yet ready.

The meeting decided to include the Queensland clubs in the south instead of the north because otherwise, the south would have had trouble finding sufficient new clubs to make up the numbers.

But the proposal for the end-of-season finals is disappointing.

It had been hoped that the final would have a more national flavor.

As it is, each region will have its own finals series, rather than the top four each competing in a national play-off competition.

An administrative office is to be set up in Melbourne to help run the southern region. At the moment, NSL headquarters are in Sydney.

But proposed scheduling creates a major problem.

At the moment, local derbies that draw the biggest crowds — Heidelberg v. Hellas for example — benefit both clubs because they are played twice during the season — one home match for each club.

Under the new proposal, there will be only one such game, benefiting only the club lucky enough to be drawn at home.

Clubs like Newcastle, Wollongong and Canberra, which have no local derbies at the moment, will be at a disadvantage. Imagine if, say, Wollongong's home matches within its region happen to be against: Canberra, Sydney City, St. George, the new NSW country team, and perhaps Newcastle. That would mean it would not have the benefit of games from crowd-drawing clubs like Sydney Olympic, APIA or Marconi.

"If we don't get our chance in the NSL now, what's the point of continuing? We've won everything there is to be won in Victorian soccer, and we'll win the championship again this year."

He added that the club was on the look-out for at least two top players from the UK.

"We want to be in the top league with the best clubs. That is our aim," Langer said.

Fawkiner president Greg Schipano and Polonia spokesman John Peter said their clubs definitely wanted to be included in the NSL.

Fawkiner has strong support from the Italian community in

Weekend matches with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH v APIA-LEICHARDT at Sydney Athletic Field, 3pm.
Record so far: SC 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 19.9 goals.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER at Schintler Reserve, 3pm.
Record so far: H'berg 7 wins, 3 draws, 1 loss, 24.14 goals.

SUNDAY

SYDNEY OLYMPIC v ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST at Pratten Park, 3pm.
Record so far: Olympia 5 wins, 1 draw, 2 losses, 15.8 goals.

MARCONI-FAIRFIELD v WOLLONGONG at Marconi Stadium, 3pm.
Record so far: W'gang 2 wins, 1 draw, 1 loss, 7.5 goals.

BRISBANE LIONS v BRISBANE CITY at Richlands, 3pm.
Record so far: BC 5 wins, 3 draws, 4 losses, 15.12 goals.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v PRESTON MAKEDONIA (draw) at Middle Park, 3pm.
Record so far: SM 1 win, 2 draws, 1 loss, 4.3 goals.

CANBERRA ARROWS v NEWCASTLE KB UNITED at Bruce Stadium, 3pm.
Record so far: New 5 wins, 1 draw, 4 losses, 20.18 goals.

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS v ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS at Hindmarsh, 2.30pm.
Record so far: AC 7 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, 20.10 goals.

Zarko Odzakov (Makedonia) and Russell Stewart (Brisbane Lions), both in their first NSL season, are in the "Soccer Action" all-star line-up according to votes so far in the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award.

The all-star line-up, chosen on votes gained by players in the 11 positions:

Terry GREEDY
(St George)

Alan DAVIDSON
(SM-Hellas)

Charlie YANKOS
(Heidelberg)

Peter TOKESI
(Brisb. City)

John SPANOS
(Heidelberg)

Russell STEWART
(Brisb. Lions)

Zarko ODZAKOV
(Makedonia)

Steve BRYANT
(Canberra)

The only player not in his usual position is Alan Davidson, who plays left back, but he has more votes than any of the right-back candidates.

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LAUGHS WITH THE DOC

By JOE DOCHERTY



PROBLEM SOLVED: As you all well know Albion Rovers have been unable to find the net this season. We have tried everything this week, from putting sign posts up showing the way to goal, also every Thursday night we take them on a guided tour of the goals featuring a panoramic view of the back of the head.

No expense is spared; the forward line even have their pick from the finest kennel of guide-dogs in Melbourne. The local Council have even offered to build a free-way into the opposition's goal mouth. Anyway, I think I have solved our problems. I have sent letters to Leyland Motors and the British Railways, also I have written to the Solidarity Movement in Poland, after all they have THOUSANDS OF STRIKERS.

HIGHLAND FLING: I was at a Scottish night last week organised by Waverley City. I thoroughly enjoyed myself as I am sure everybody there did. Wee Bobby MacLachlan was there. He came straight from training at J.U.S.T. I'm sure he would like to thank his Police escort for getting him there so quickly.

The Heidelberg Old Scottish Society was represented by Jimmy MacTansy and Lady Elaine. The Prahran City Society was represented by Frank MacJackson and Princess Anne J.U.S.T. was to the fore with the MacLeods, the MacPattons, the MacTaylors and of course the MacLachlans.

Wee George Campbell was there resplendent in his kilt and sporran, plaid socks, with the wife's good sharp knife stuck down one of them and skin guards on — he must have thought big Frank MacLeod was going to ask him to dance.

By the way, wee Geordie won a prize in the raffle. It was a miniature of Scotch Immortal Diamantaris helped him carry it back to the table. Big Gus was very reluctant to dance until the Pacemakers (age 75) struck up a few Rangers songs, then we couldn't get him off. The grin on his face was wider than the gap between Croatia and Albion. It was a good night and thanks goes to Norman Brian, Bill Rowley and Waverley City.

GOING WELL: Met big Bob Guthrie, President of North Dandenong, in the "Castle" and I asked how the Club was going. "AW! first class," says Bob, "the team's doing really well, the supporters are great and the money is rolling in."

Then he told me he had just bought a new car and his team manager, Dave, told me he is going overseas on holiday! Magic boys, keep it up. Only kidding! They are a good bunch up there. One thing though, I heard all the Scottish clubs in Melbourne are lining up at North

Dandy since they found out Arthur McMillan is giving away penalty kicks.

FOOT AND MOUTH — PART 4: We are still following the adventure of Liam ("Hey Muppet Held") Houston. Last week he was in Africa, this week we find him in Saudi Arabia. His first job there was in a camel-wash but he was sacked for taking the hump. It was while in this barren and Liam suspected his good lady was having an affair. His suspicions were confirmed when he discovered they still had the same milkman.

Journeying on alone, our hero joined a circus — I can't remember its name, either Ashton's or Slavia's. He started off as a secretary taking bookings and making truck calls for the elephants. Then one day the human cannonball was fired so Liam shot into the limelight when he was offered the job. Our hero became the star attraction. Three times a day he was bulletted out of the cannon, the crowds loved him.

The circus moved onto Australia. Here Tootsie (I'll explain the name later) decided to quit so he "SHOT" into the Ringmaster's caravan. "You can't quit," said the boss, "where will I get a man of your calibre?" Tootsie apologised, reloaded himself and shot off! More next week.

ODD MAN OUT: "Soccer Action" is offering a prize to the person who can spot the odd man out in the following: — This is the Caulfield City Reserve team which played against Prahran City's reserves last week: Petrou, Strapalias, Dounias, Smith, Antonopoulos, Topolidis, Tasbaidis, Pazianas, Malliaros, Vavitis, Smith, Lantouris.

The first correct entry will receive two tickets to any of Frankston City's away games, a trip on Booby MacLachlan's police car and a photograph (coloured of course) of Liam Houston's trackout.

OUCH!! Shocker Mylen was standing on the top of a few foot ladder painting his wallet. A twenty cent piece fell out of his pocket and when Shocker ran down to get it hit him on the head.

INVESTIGATIONS: I have it from a very reliable source that Irishman Paddy Moore, president of Sandringham City, is really of Scottish descent. Paddy-me-boy, the family tree will have to be investigated. Looks like your hurley stick could be confiscated and your badges of office (shamrocks) stripped from your lapels.

Nee brother son! Yarr wee pals down in ra' Castle will welcome you into the Scottish fold. Just let us know all your clan details. You know, things like what tartan, what size of sporran you take, what kind of Scotch you drink, left or right handed claymore etc. It will be a braw day when Jock Moore joins the Clans.

Arok's eyes on Wishart after 3-0 QSLD. triumph

QUEENSLAND 3 (Stewart, 33rd Pen., Wright 37th, Hamilton 47th) NEW SOUTH WALES 0 at Perry Park. Crowd: about 3500.

By RICKY ROSSO



• Vanquished NSW, from left, standing: M. O'Shea, Woodhouse, Watson, Bertogna, Jankovic, Ratcliffe, Kosmina, Soper. Front: Wheatley, Jennings, Katholos, Stone, Key, O'Connor. Picture by CARLOS PICASSO.

Referees: Bill Monteverde 6, Old Schoolteacher Perry 8, Peter Toole 9, Peter Niven 7, Stewart 9, Pimblett 9, Hamilton 8, Wright 9, Glockner 6 (Hogg 74th), Hughes 7, NSW: Woodhouse 7, Wheately 6, Jennings 74th, M. O'Shea 6, Bertogna 9, Soper 9, Stone 9, Katholos 7, Key 6, Kosmina 8, O'Connor 7 (Soper 63rd), Jankovic 6.

Brisbane City goalkeeper Kim Wishart, rated recently by South Melbourne's Ralek Rasic as currently the best in Australia, could come into Frank Arok's national squad for the three matches against England in June.

Arok, the caretaker national coach, was impressed with Wishart when he watched Queensland down New South Wales 3-0 at Perry Park in Brisbane last Sunday.

He said: "I would keep an eye on Wishart" over the next few weeks and if the two keepers currently in Arok's squad did not produce what he was after, the Brisbane City keeper could come into the picture.

Arok firmly believes England will play a lot of high balls and says St George keeper Terry Creedy is the best in Australia to handle that. But his reserve keeper is Croatia's Steve Watson, who was in the NSW squad for the Queensland match but sat on the bench.

But Arok also anticipates a lot of shooting from the England forwards and wants a keeper with good reflexes and it was Wishart's display at that department against NSW that caught Arok's eye.

The big City keeper, who always showed great agility despite his weight, made good form reflex saves during the match to keep out the few dangerous NSW attacks.

Mostly the match was all Queensland and had the Maroons not squandered numerous second-half chances, the score could well have approached double figures.

New South Wales was a disjointed, lazy-looking side. The strikers got into each other's way, the midfielders never

supported each other and the defenders all got dragged onto one side.

By comparison, Queensland played the numbers game and literally running by the likes of Russell Stewart, Frank Pimblett, Bobby Hamilton, Steve Perry and Peter Toole meant the Maroons always had players left over in second and third defenders.

Wright netted his in sensational style when he ran onto an Alan Niven freekick and scored.

The two youngsters worked a short corner two minutes into the second half to set Hamilton up for Queensland's third.

But while the youngsters won the hearts of the 3500 strong crowd, the performances of some of the experienced players should not be forgotten. Pimblett was superb. He ran, he tackled, he made the play and but for some poor finishing he should have scored when he broke through and had only Woodhouse to beat.

Frank Liddell was a tower of strength at the back and finished the match with a gash under his eye which needed stitching in the dressing room later.

Steve Perry and Alan Niven were seldom beaten on the flanks and the skilful Phil O'Connor could make no headway on either wing.

Little can be said about the NSW performance, which Arok described as "poor, even disgraceful".

Katholos looked a very average player and his midfield partners, Paul Kay and Peter Stone, were seldom seen to be seen. Kosmina tried up front but constantly became entangled with Mark Jankovic. Obviously he proved a mistake by Kosmina to play the ball down the middle. They were their own biggest enemies.

Ratcliffe and Bertogna had their typical, tough matches, with Bertogna earning a yellow card. But while they were reasonably dominating and kept Glockner at bay, they tended to drift and the fast-breaking Queensland often surged through the spaces.

It was a much better performance by Queensland than in their 0-2 loss to Victoria in February but then the opposition was far less classy.

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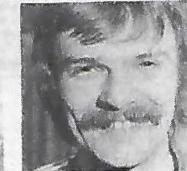
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Cedo Cirkovic brings a wealth of experience and success both a player and coach to present day role as first to supremo of the Fawkner outfit.

Cirkovic played with distinction for Sloi in his native Yugoslavia before joining F.S.C. J.U.S.T. in 1965 and playing an important part in J.U.S.T.'s State League championship success in 1969. He switched to Heidelberg Alexander in 1971, as player-coach, saving the Greek sponsored club from relegation but the following year returned to J.U.S.T. as coach to appear on what was described in "Soccer Action" as a code of devotion.

From 1972 to 1981, Cirkovic coached J.U.S.T. except for a break from early 1972 to late 1980. Along the way he led J.U.S.T. to 1973 State League title, triumphs in the 1975 and 1976 State League Cups, the 1975 A-Cup and the 1976 Doherty Cup. Without doubt the history of Footscray J.U.S.T. will record very special place for this special man.

Perhaps the proudest moment in Cirkovic's career came in 1979 when he was appointed coach of a Yugoslav select which beat an Australian select 4-2 at the Sydney Cricket Ground in a charity match to aid the victims of an earthquake in Yugoslavia.

Cirkovic was appointed coach of Fawkner after the first game of the 1982 league season and led the club to the Metropolitan Division championship and a berth in year's State League. Fawkner also won year's Coppa Italia under Cirkovic, beating Buleen 3-1 in the final, in front of the cameras of channel 0/28.

To know Cirkovic is to realise that he follows is a scoop for "Soccer Action" shies away from individualising about players, preferring to talk about them totally, to spread credit evenly among every member of his squad. However, here he consented to discuss his players. He has about them through his coach's eyes:

ROBERT TERZINI: "One of the best goalkeepers in State League. He has been with us for a number of years now and what I best about Robert is the way he talks to team mates during the game which I think one of the most important things for any keeper to do. He is an excellent man for courage. As a player, he has every height, goes in the air or on the ground and his reflexes are first class."

BILL PANAS: "What a great goalkeeper. He has to have two good goalkeepers in his club. Bill is not tall, which probably is reason that he is not my number one go. Sometimes, having two good goalkeepers can be a problem. Not with us. At the present moment, Bill realises that Robert is better than that may change. Who knows?"

SERGE SABBADINI: "When I joined Juventus he was playing absolutely fantastic. He's perfect for the right back position times his overlaps so well and really reads the game. The people at Juventus who thought that he was too slow made a big mistake, tell you."

CESARE FATTORE: "I expect him to be a very good year. He's very strong and fit and if I give any player to me he can do it. I predict that he will be in the squad soon. What a pity that he wasn't selected better as a junior. What a player this would be now. He still can be great."

JIM KONDARIOS: "What can I tell about Jimmy? We were together at J.U.S.T. for seven and a half years. I can tell you he is still the best centre half in Victoria. He plays with his head and his heart. No-one can beat him in the air and he is so great for Fawkner to have someone like him at our club."

Spectacular surge through the ranks

1966 — Frank Giuseppe and Dominic Schipano, along with Gino Marcano are the founders of Fawkner Bakers Soccer Club.

1968 — Fawkner becomes a member of the VSF and plays in the District Leagues. The first Committee, elected in 1968, is Giuseppe Schipano (president), Gino Marcano (secretary), Frank Schipano (treasurer), Dominic Schipano, M. Vallorani, F. Roccioli and R. Morelli (committee members). Frank Schipano also was player-coach.

1972 — Fawkner amalgamates with rival Fitzroy Azzurri, which had won 6 of 11 championships and the District League cup in its six year existence. Fawkner moves from its McBryde Street ground to its present home at Smith Reserve, Jukes Road. Aldo Vesnaver becomes coach.

1973 — Needing a draw in the last league game to clinch the Provisional League championship, Fawkner is beaten by Werribee and finishes runner-up to Frankston Pines. The regular line-up that season was: Penzo, G. Pater, Giacomini, J. Pater, Borgese, Barbetta, Vidra, Minnala, Maranma, Mainenti, Cirkovic.

1974 — Nespeca returns to Italy and Graziano Capulli takes over as president. Claudio Korlevic becomes coach but a costly mid-season slump sees Fawkner again finishing runner-up, this time to Werribee.

1975 — With Korlevic still the coach, Fawkner finishes equal on points with Morwell Falcons but misses out on the Provisional League First Division championship on goal average.

1976 — In March, the mayor of Broadmeadows, Keith Evans, officially opens the new pavilion.

1977 — Peter Balassone took over as coach. Fawkner wins the Peninsula Cup for the third successive time and also wins the Lazzari Cup on the same day with a team made up of reserves and juniors. Fawkner wins the re-run in First Division to Werribee, but the FSF has opened up promotion and relegation between the Provisional and Metro Leagues so the club earns the right to join the Metro Fourth Division. For the second successive year, Fawkner runs the Coppa Italia and is victorious this time, beating East Carlton 2-1 in the final.

1978 — In March, former Soc-

cerco coach Tony Boggi Joins. Fawkner finishes second in Fourth Division, winning promotion in its first year in Metro ranks, with Frank Calabria as team manager and Graziano Capulli as president.

1979 — With Joe Fallico as president and Balassone as coach, Fawkner fails to add to its promotion from Third Division. Balassone is replaced by Bresciano midway through the season but the club finishes third.

1980 — With Mike Lynn as coach Fawkner finishes second to Frankston Pines in Third Division and wins promotion.

1981 — The club turns the tables on arch rival Pines. The Frankston based outfit has to settle for second as Fawkner wins the Division Two championship, again under Lynn's guidance. Greg Schipano replaces Lynn as president.

1982 — Lynn is sacked a few days before the start of the league season and replaced by Cedo Cirkovic. Schipano remains as president and five new players are signed for about \$15,000 each. They are Emilio Anselma (from Doncaster Rovers), Ian Tuffield (Preston Makedons), Chris Petrov (Montague), Rajko Curcija (Richmond) and Andy Bozikas (Heidelberg Alexander).

Cirkovic guides the team to the First Division championship, the proudest moment in the club's history to date.

1983 — Joe Palinkas is signed from Brisbane City on loan for \$2,500. Jim Kondarios joins from J.U.S.T. for \$4,000, along with Bruno Cozzella, bought for \$1,000. Injured, hit the club hard but coach Cirkovic soon will be able to field his strongest combination.



Fawkner, 1972. Back row: V. Nespeca (president), M. Cosmano, V. Medri, G. Sayer, T. Mainenti, G. Maasch, G. Pater, J. Pater, T. Petrolito (player and long serving secretary), club supporter. Front row: A. Vesnaver (coach), V. Della Rocca, Tuseck, Vlaovic, E. Borgese, Del'Olio, S. Latera.

Stability the strength

Tradition and stability are the hallmarks of Fawkner's capable administration.

Go to most Fawkner games and you'll see many former club presidents. Some still are heavily involved in the club. Others are members and continue to give their support. Australian soccer is not accustomed to such a phenomenon. Too often club politics is a cut throat affair with presidents winning and losing power in a dog-eat-dog fashion. Not so at Fawkner.

Greg Schipano, managing director of Sunnyside Bakeries, is in his third year as president. Sam Pizzo, collection manager with VL Finance Pty. Ltd., is secretary. Pizzo is a former club president.

Lou Ciabotti, senior partner in Ciabotti and Sons, is vice-president. John Montano, an accountant, perhaps appropriately, is treasurer. Frank Scutti, a self employed painter, is junior secretary and social director.

Dom Schipano, managing director of Schipano Furnishings, is general director of Fawkner.

Public relations and sponsorship are in the capable hands of Vic Colosimo and Sam Pirruccio. The club's sports director is Rocky Capilli. Like Pizzo, Capilli is a former club president.

Giuliano Cirino and Michael Oliveri are general committee members and the junior sub-

committee numbers almost 30 people who organise the canteen and social functions to support Fawkner's stars of tomorrow.

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Cedo Cirkovic

LES GOONEY: "I feel so sorry for him. He had never played in State League and was looking forward so much to this season. What a shame he will so badly injured against Box Hill. I can tell you that if he had played the whole game against Box Hill, then we would have won, believe me. He is one of the fastest liberos I have seen. He has a great sprint when he wants to cut out a pass. Unfortunately for Les, I'm not optimistic about him coming back soon."

TONY SCHIPANO: "I wanted to sign him for J.U.S.T. years ago. He's fast, strong and can do anything with the ball. He looks after himself before the games too, which is important. You have to prepare yourself properly to play to your best. Tony had a problem with his temperament but we sat down and talked about it and everything has been sorted out. He hasn't had even one yellow card so far in State League, which shows that his attitude is right."

ROBERTO PALMARICCIOTTI: "Young Robert joined us from Geelong this year and it's not easy to jump into State League. But it's up to him to be what he can be. He has a very good attitude and I tell you that it is a pleasure to work with Robert at training, please believe me. He is knocking on the door of being a first team regular. I'd like to see him improve his heading under pressure. Apart from that, this boy can be anything in soccer here."

CARLO SABIDUSSI: "He's been so long with Fawkner. Everyone respects Carlo. He's a very good member of our team. He's a typical central half player and that's what he's allowed to be. You can't expect him to be a Ged Bannon, always fighting for the ball all over the park. Carlo's a real ball player."

BRUNO SABIDUSSI: "Believe me, Bruno is one of the most important players in my team. If he plays good, Fawkner plays good. A key player. I'm sorry to see him struggle with injuries and a suspension and I'm looking forward to having Bruno Sabidussi back fully fit and in top form."

RAJKO CURCIJA: "Last year Rajko was playing really well. He got injured this year and he's coming back slowly by playing in the reserves. He's a typically skilful Yugoslav. An excellent ball player and a fine left sided attacker."

EMILIO ANSELMA: "He lost his confidence a bit but he's coming back now, which is so good to see. He's really sharp. Give him half a chance inside the penalty area and he'll take it. I use him deep now to build up his confidence by getting him more involved. It's working. Actually it's not so unusual. Some people may remember when Billy Rogers was the best centre forward in Victoria and one of the best in Australia. He was switched back to midfield and made a big success of his new position."

ANDREW BOZIKAS: "Like Bruno Sabidussi, an important player in the team. One of the best young players around. He needs a good surface to show his best and sometimes he holds the ball too long but I've been telling him to pass more and he's responding. He's one of those players who can change the game in an instant."

IAN TUFFIELD: "He has everything, absolutely everything. I can play him anywhere. For me, he is the complete player. Over 90 minutes, he gives you much more than 100 percent. He fights every inch of the way and doesn't know how to give up."

JOE PALINKAS: "He plays simple soccer, he tries to do too much, he's a noisy boy. He has to look after himself better before the games. I know Joe. I know that he's a single boy and he likes to go to the discos but he has to realise that before a game he must take care of himself. If he does this, Joe Palinkas can beat any defender in Australia, believe me."

MILAN KOJIC: "He disappoints me very much but I know that he can recapture the goalscoring form he showed when he played in Yugoslavia. He's got a groin injury at present but I know that he can come back."

BRUNO COZZELLA: "He's 19 years old and he's going to be the golden boy of Fawkner, believe me. Some time he loses concentration during a game and forgets that he must fight all the time but he's young and can overcome that. I expect Bruno Cozzella to be alongside Tommy Cumming and Ossie Latif soon as one of the leading scorers in State League."

JOHN SANNIPOLI: "A very, very promising boy who works very hard and wants to improve. He has improved so much since I joined the club. If he continues this improvement, then maybe he will be a regular attacking player for us next season."

So much for the players. What about Cirkovic's view of the club as a whole and what can Fawkner fans expect in 1983?

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Looking at the remarkable recent history of Fawkner, tying that record in with Cirkovic's impressive background, it would be a brave man indeed who ruled out the possibility of this Italian sponsored club joining the southern region of a new national competition.

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When Sam Pizzo joined Fawkner's committee back in 1971, the club's annual turnover was about \$10,000. Now, 12 years on, Pizzo is club secretary, an integral member of an administration which oversees a club with a turnover close to \$200,000!

"The huge jump in turnover over the past 12 years has been accommodated by increasing contributions from members, sponsors, and of course, an increase in gate receipts," said Pizzo.

"Last year our turnover was about \$110,000. This year we project the turnover to be close to \$200,000 which is an enormous jump. That projection, though, doesn't take into account our pending application for a full liquor licence. We will spend about \$25,000 to renovate our clubrooms to meet the requirements of the Liquor Control Commission. We've already incurred about \$2000 in legal expenses, and we're granted a 'full licence' who can tell us what this year's turn will amount to?"

Pizzo is the collection manager for VL Finance. He's married with two children, Robert and Carmen. His son, Robert, joined Fawkner's juniors as a nine year old, which triggered Pizzo's long association with the club.

Pizzo has served Fawkner as a junior secretary, president, treasurer, senior secretary and general committee member with only one break, in 1981, over the past 12 years.

The possibility of Fawkner joining a proposed southern region of a national com-

pany deserves so much.

"My aim is to build a strong team here. I am concentrating on establishing our club in State League. Next year we will try to win the championship. With a year's experience behind us in this company we will give the title a real try."

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Fawkner, 1978. Back row: N. Ascenso (vice-president), G. Capulli (president), C. Graser, D. Epifano, S. Bazzano, R. Marcato, R. Vecchiato, T. Schipano, T. Mainenti, C. Baravelli, Mr. De Fazio (sponsor), Frank Calabria (team manager). Front row: C. Sabidussi, F. Fragale, B. Panas, G. Scordia (masseur), S. Caruso, A. de Petro, G. Vecchio, D. De Marchi.



Fawkner-Azzurri's social club at Jukes Road.

\$200,000 turnover, \$31,000 sponsorship

petition in 1983 is a subject which frequently crops up around the club.

"It's been put to that it might be too big a jump too soon. We put in the effort of our members who overwhelmingly believe that we are ready. In fact, their reaction was really positive. Our members want to see our club playing in the highest league in the land. It's as simple as that. And we, as a committee, fully support the wishes of our members. We'll give it a real go."

"In the old days we got excited if we drew 100 spectators to our home games. Now, if we don't get over 200 we're disappointed. I'd estimate our average home gate at about 2000."

Fawkner also has only one form of membership. Previously the club had social members and full members. The membership at present numbers around 180 and the committee plans to put a levy on its members to aid its renovation plans for the clubrooms.

Fawkner rightly lays claim to being the best sponsored club in State League. Its main sponsors, Schipano Home Furnishers and Flor-

ights. It spent about \$38,000 last year to upgrade the grounds and a man is employed by the council on a full-time basis to maintain Smith Reserve."

Fawkner hasn't had to import a big name player from Italy to maintain its identity. The club's roots firmly are entrenched in the Italian culture, a tradition which has been maintained since Fawkner's foundation in 1968. First and second generation Italians provide the club with quality players and keen supporters.

However, there's one traditional element of Italian clubs which Fawkner hopes never will emerge — a wealthy Italian businessman taking over complete control of the club and refusing to relinquish power, status or prestige to a similarly wealthy countryman.

People at Fawkner always have shown a genuine interest in furthering the club's ambitions, for no-one has walked into our club with plenty of money, saying that he wants to be the boss. We have many former presidents at our games. In fact, I myself am a former Fawkner president, as is our sports director, Rocky Capulli.

"Sure, the Schipano influence at the club is enormous. It always has been, but no-one resents that. No-one is jealous of them. That's because they are all good people. They are highly regarded."

"As for my own ambitions, well, I've done everything I wanted to do at Fawkner. I've been in so many different committee positions that I've got tremendous satisfaction out of my involvement with the club. As long as I feel I'm needed then I will be there to help the club in any way I can. I love Fawkner. It's as simple as that."



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Ernie Merrick badly injured

FAWKNER 3 (Cozzella 10th, 48th, Tuffield 1st)
DOVENTON 1 (Dowie penalty 89th) at Smith Reserve, Sunday.

below an eye after a clash in the 25th minute when challenging for a header.

Merrick was released from hospital late on Sunday night and will be operated on this week. He was in considerable pain throughout Sunday night and Monday and understandably was unavailable for comment. It now appears likely that the injury will prematurely end Merrick's playing career. As we went to press the Doveton committee was meeting to appoint a caretaker coach to lead the first team until Merrick can resume his coaching duties.

Merrick's loss was a major blow and within three minutes of the restart after the interval Fawkner took advantage of it. The Doves' consolation came a minute from time. Stan Webster was brought down inside the Fawkner area and John Dowie had no trouble converting from the resultant penalty.

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After a minute's play, Bruno Cozzella's cross was met firmly by Ian Tuffield who headed past Sean Keogh.

Fawkner went 2-0 up in the 10th minute with Cozzella bagging the first of his two goals and five minutes later young Doveton midfielder Jeff Waterhouse had to be replaced suffering from asthma.

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Fans force out de Bruyckere

MORWELL FALCONS 3 (MacLean 12th, Bingham 50th, O'Callaghan 78th)
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA 0 at North Cringan Reserve, Saturday.

"I spoke to the committee and told them that I'd had enough. I still love Wilhelmmina and if the club wants me to help it to get new players then I'll do everything I can."

Judging from Wilhelmmina's performance against Falcons, de Bruyckere could prove to be still a valuable asset because there can be little doubt his forward forays always looked dangerous and his son-stop running was a feature of his game.

Falcons struck after just 12 minutes. Tony van Baar was fouled by Ron Verniers on the right. Bruno McGuinness took the resultant free kick, knocking the ball toward the near post where Jim McLean side-footed it to make it 1-0.

Five minutes into the second half a goalmouth scramble after a corner presented Harry Bingham with a simple chance and he slammed the ball home from close range to make it 2-0.

O'Callaghan completed the scoreline in the 76th minute. A long kick downfield from Bill Whiteside was headed to McGuinness by Alan Evans. McGuinness squared the ball into the path of O'Callaghan who knocked it to far forward. However, Wilhelmmina goalkeeper Rick Janssen came off his line then stopped, allowing O'Callaghan to reach the ball first, round him, then strike it into the empty goal.

Falcons, on the other hand, recovered their winning ways here and dominated the match for long periods. Wilhelmmina couldn't cope with the speed at which Falcons midfielders got forward.

"As you know, John van Hoboken, after 30 years, no longer is involved in running Wilhelmmina but he has been and still is a very good friend of mine. Every time I was seen speaking to John, a group of our supporters would start

to spread rumors about John interfering in team selection and frankly, this got too much for me to bear," said de Bruyckere.

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Dandy City sacks Anderson

Metro Second Division club Dandenong City sacked coach John Anderson on Monday and as we went to press his successor hadn't been appointed.

Dandenong held a meeting with its players last night (Tuesday) to tell them of the committee's decision. Officially, Anderson was asked to resign. His sacking is another chapter in an otherwise disappointing start to the year for Nunawading City.

When news broke about Frankston City's withdrawal from First Division, Dandenong unsuccessfully applied to fill the vacancy. Now the clubrooms were broken into recently and expensive electrical equipment stolen. On the field, the club hasn't fared much better.

Second Division rival Nunawading City is rumored to be set to appoint Mike Kupinic as coach. Nunawading lost coach Nick van Egmond last week, who took over the reins at Ringwood Wilhelmmina.

Second Division pacemaker St. Albans Diaamo is shocked of going into Saturday's important clash with North Dandenong at Lois Twining Reserve. A penalty awarded after Danny Deziec was felled and converted by player-coach Bill Vojtek was enough to give Diaamo the points against Ian Greener's Springvale City on the weekend.

"We'll get promoted for sure. In fact, I'm confident that the boys can win the championship," said Vojtek.

His player-coach rival on Saturday, Norths Rob Nelson, doesn't share Vojtek's sentiments.

"I hope to have three of my forwards back on Saturday and if St Albans think that they're in for an easy game then that's their problem. We won't just beat them, we'll beat them convincingly," said Nelson.

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

WAVERLEY CITY 2 (Watson 57th, 59th, Panoz 13th) **KEW CITY CELTIC 2** (Persons 20th, Campbell 85th)

KEW CITY CELTIC: Green 8 — Thompson 6, Smale 7, Parkin (Inj. Train 31st), 6), Houston 6 — Persons 7, McElhinney 7, Pagliva 6 (Gangas 7, Kaesman 78th), Gary Kaesman 6 — Drougas 6, Campbell 7.

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Croatia went 3-0 up in the 60th minute. Latif was fouled on the left. Contini took the free kick and Biskic's glancing header went in just under the bar from four metres out.

The combine's sole reply came in the 72nd minute. Contini missed a shot behind the Croatia defence and headed in off the upright from a John Stevenson free kick.

In the second half it was Roger Baines' turn to be foiled by Biskic. The combine striker unleashed a superb shot which found Biskic acrobatic-

ally tipping the ball over the bar.

Croatia had taken the lead after only 16 minutes. Ossie Latif chased a long ball down the left and as he was closed down by two opponents squared to Tommy Cumming whose low shot from just outside the combine area beat Alan Contini to put Croatia 1-0 up.

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Sandro Penzo opened the scoring for the home side in the 13th minute with a header from a Wilson free kick.

Croatia missed eight minutes later. A corner from the right was only partly cleared. Paul Campbell beat one opponent then drove the ball across goal and Robin Parsons headed it in.

Two goals in two minutes in the second half killed the contest. Both came from Watson of Broadmeadows, the first a shot into the roof of the net and the second when he tried a snap shot from 30 metres to everyone's amazement this "famous" brand of soccer ball

find the visiting team led by famous spud-farmer-cum-wellie-wearer Cliff Young. He'd be most at home.

A scoreless draw seemed on the cards until Dean Hennessy upended Jim Kalamakis in the box (Gobbi getting the better of David for once), and Yzendoorn slammed home the resulting penalty. That was in the 84th minute, but three minutes later came the M-O-MENT!

A cunning lob from Ken Smart sent Dickson, only slightly offside, into the clear, and he rounded Perree to score.

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Peter Dickson scores in the 717th minute

enough, both John Yzendoorn and Arthur Xanthopoulos both duly appeared, but apart from Yzendoorn's successful penalty kick, neither had any impact on the game.

Hoping to record for posterity Albion's first score of the season, I stationed myself in the first half behind the Hellas goal, much to goalie Mark Perree's astonishment, but the only shot of note hit my camera box, well wide of the penalty area, but that was my fault, I should have been safer, to the posts, it went in.

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SELECTIONS

METROPOLITAN DIVISION ONE

Saturday: Kew City v Kew City (draw); ALTOVIA CITY v Brahmavaram; Franklin Park v Melbourne (draw).

Sunday: Bell Park, RICHMOND v Altona City; Werribee WESTERN SUBURBS (draw); PASCOE VALE v West Geelong; West Melbourne v SPRINGDALE UTD; Mitcham v Hampton Wendys (draw).

GIVERNY TWO

Saturday: FOOTSCRAY JUST v Anderson; KELVIN AUSTRIA v Glenelg City; PRESTON; MAKEDONIA v Heidelberg; ALBION; SPRINGDALE CITY v Nunawading City; SANDRINGHAM v Maribyrnong ROYAL RICHMOND v Sunshine City.

Sunday: Prahran St Kilda RINGWOOD UNITED (draw); ST KILDA v Footscray (draw).

GIVERNY ONE

Saturday: MELBOURNE v Carlton; HEIDELBERG BUNDORRA v Brighton; Prahran City v SOUTH DALKLIE; MORNINGTON v Coburg; Port Melbourne v CAULFIELD CITY; SANDRINGHAM v Maribyrnong ROYAL RICHMOND v Sunshine City.

Sunday: HAWTHORN v Kangaroo Ground; GREENSBOROUGH; HAMMELT RANGERS v Essendon Triesters; Corio v NORTH GEELONG; MCGREGOR v Geelong; PRUDENSHALL v Rossdale (draw); MCGREGOR v Randwick.

PROVISIONAL DIVISION ONE

Saturday: CLIFTON HILL v Clayton; Malton v CHELSEA; LALOR UTD v Cettina; East Brunswick v Ballarat United; Monash UTD v BALANAT; Shepparton City v HAWTHORN; Langwarrin v YARRAVILLE (draw).

DIVISION TWO

Saturday: BORVINA v Nunawading Utd; CRANBROOK v Werribee City; Kyneton 8; ASBURY PARK v Footscray; GLENWICH v MELBOURNE PARK; MCGREGOR CLARINDA v Central City.

YOUTH LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

Saturday: EAST COAST v Croydon.

DIVISION "B"

Sunday: PERINTE GULLY v Prahran; Ascot United v Alberton Town (draw); Springfield Utd v BULLEEN.

DIVISION C

Saturday: JUNIORES v FAWNERY; Richmond v MELBOURNE CITY.

DIVISION ONE

Sunday: MULGRAVE v Meadow Park; LATROBE UNIVERSITY v St. Paul's Primary; Phillip Utd v NITH SUNSHINE v Batman Lake; Parsons' Hill v BELSVILLE UNIVERSITY v Balcombe; Newlands v Wooriabbin (draw); VERNON Utd v BULLEEN.

DIVISION TWO

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DIVISION THREE

SUNDAY: BUNLEEN-VENETO 1 (MIcheloudeka 35th) LALOR UNITED 0

BUNLEEN-VENETO 0 (Goropet 6, M. Borin 6, C. Maneguzzi 6, P. Casali 7, S. Zachari 7, C. Greci 6, D. D'Amato 6, M. Bozzo 6, M. Gennari 6, L. Bozzetto 6, J. Michaloudakis 6).

LALOR-UTD 0 (M. Borin 6, N. Morichon 6, P. Casali 7, S. Zachari 7, C. Greci 6, D. D'Amato 6, M. Bozzo 6, J. Michaloudakis 6).

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Junior

Table as at 2-5-83

UNDER 11 LEAGUE EASTERN 'A'		Mettell 'A'	2-0-0	0-0-0
P.W.D.L F A P		Saturday 'B'	2-0-2	1-1
Clayton 'A'		NORTHERN 'A'	P.W.D.L F A P	
Dawson 'A'		Preston	2-0-0	0-0-0
North City 'A'		Math. Crook	2-0-0	0-0-0
Moorabbin 'A'		Northgate 'A'	2-0-0	1-2
Charlotte		Lake 'A'	2-0-0	0-0-0
Waverley City 'A'		Lake United 'A'	2-0-1	0-8-2
Croydon 'A'		Northgate 'B'	2-0-0	0-0-0
Kew 'A'		Northgate 'C'	2-0-0	0-0-0
Burwood 'A'		Karlinge 'A'	2-0-0	1-2
Bar Hill		Thomastown 'A'	2-0-0	2-1-0
EASTERN 'B'		BL. Juventus	2-0-0	1-8-0
Malgrove 'A'		NORTHERN 'B'	P.W.D.L F A P	
Socia City		Northern United	2-0-0	0-0-0
F.T. Gully		Clyton Hill	2-0-0	0-0-0
Glen Wic. 'A'		Brackenbury	2-0-0	0-0-0
Heathmont		Rosemead	2-0-0	7-1
Lyndale		Ferndale 'B'	2-0-1	7-6
Ringwood United		Lyndale	2-0-0	1-2
Milsons Point		Essendon City	2-0-0	2-2
Vermont		North Reservoir	2-0-0	2-1
Ringwood City		Yarraville	2-0-0	2-15
EASTERN 'C'		West United	2-0-0	2-10
Dovey 'A'		St Albans	2-0-0	1-2
St. No. Hill 'B'		Altona Gate	2-0-0	2-11
Keyring Park		WESTERN 'B'	P.W.D.L F A P	
Dandenong City		West Geelong	2-0-0	8-2
Mossbank		Arden	2-1	1-0
Nth. Dandenong		St. Albans	2-1	1-0
E. & N. Dandenong 'A'		Midvale	2-1	1-0
E. & N. Dandenong 'B'		Pruden St. 'A'	2-1	0-8
St. S'vle 'A'		East Altona	2-1	0-3
EASTERN 'D'		Yarraville	2-1	0-3
Clayton 'C'		West United	2-1	0-3
Dovey 'B'		St. Albans	2-1	0-3
St. No. Hill 'C'		St. Albans	2-1	0-3
Castlereagh		Highpoint	2-0-0	2-0
Central		NORTHERN 'A'	P.W.D.L F A P	
East Richmond		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	8-0
Stk. Oakleigh 'A'		Glenmore	2-0-0	8-0
Stk. Malvern		East Richmond	2-0-0	12-4
Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Moorabbin		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'A'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'B'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'C'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'D'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'E'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'F'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'G'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'H'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'I'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'J'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'K'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'L'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'M'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'N'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'O'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'P'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'Q'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'R'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'S'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'T'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'U'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'V'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'W'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'X'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'Y'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Castlereagh 'Z'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-4
Peninsula		WESTERN 'B'	P.W.D.L F A P	
St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	8-0
North Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	8-0
Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	2-3
WESTERN 'A'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	2-7
St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
WESTERN 'B'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
WESTERN 'L'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
WESTERN 'M'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
WESTERN 'N'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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WESTERN 'R'		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
St. Albans		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
Sandringham		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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Peninsula		Mal's Crook	2-0-0	12-0
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St. Albans		Mal's Crook		

TRIONFA LA JUVENTUS, MIGLIORANO FAWKNER E MORWELL

L'ottava giornata della Lega Statale del Victoria ha confermato la serie candidatura della Juventus alla vittoria finale, con una meritata vittoria sul "macellaio" del Green Gully; la riapparizione di un gioco consistente nella vittoria del Fawkner, a spese del Doveton; il ritorno alla vittoria del Morwell sui modesti Ringwood Whitemans.

In campo amministrativo intanto la Juventus sta anche facendo passi da giganti su tre fronti: la graduale riduzione del debito sociale che si porta avanti da precedenti amministrazioni, un ulteriore avvicinamento alla conclusione del negoziato per ottenere il terreno dal Comune di Brunswick e l'ineluttabile riconoscimento quale candidata di diritto all'ammissione in Lega Nazionale con l'ormai inevitabile regionalizzazione del massimo campionato nazionale. Il tutto indubbiamente propiziato dall'ottimo comportamento della squadra che dopo otto turni si trova accoppiata in testa alla classifica assieme a quel Croatia sul quale però vanta un vantaggio morale, avendolo battuto netamente la settimana scorsa.

SAPER GIOCARE A QUALSIASI GIOCO

La vittoria di domenica sul campionato in carica del Green Gully ha riconfermato tutte le

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propria e la vigliaccheria di attaccare giocatori senza nulla per quanto arbitro a segnaline era venuta volati dall'altra parte. A farne le spese più di ogni altro sono stati Zinni, stroncati brutalmente da Cannell verso la fine del primo tempo e portato fuori a braccia, e Pat Bannon che si è beccato il cartellino rosso per aver regalato un quattrovalvola a Cannell. Peter Lewis e Hogan, i due terzini, non sono stati da meno al loro compagno e ben ha fatto Incantalo a non cercare guai in vista della sua prossima partenza con la nazionale giovanile per disputare la finale della Coppa del Mondo in Messico. Ma il resto della squadra non si è lasciata in-

timorire ed ha affrontato a viso aperto gli energumeni avversari.

BENEDETTA FEDERAZIONE

Quello che però non riusciamo a capire è come la Federazione abbia potuto assegnare una gara così importante e prevedibilmente dura, poiché il Green Gully trovava verso i suoi denti, ad un arbitro come Momont che ha abbastanza autorità per arbitrare una partita senza importanza fra due squadre di ragazzini bene educati. Senza tornare a precedenti lontani, e ce ne sono molti, quest'anno abbiamo avuto la sfortuna di vedere l'arbitro Momont in azione due volte. Tutte due le volte egli ha quasi perfettamente ignorato e controllato immediatamente su gioco falso e quindi diventando un tiranno con lo sventolio di cartellini rossi e rossi: un totale di sei gialli e quattro rossi in due sole partite dovrebbe far seriamente pensare i responsabili del settore arbitrale alla capacità di questo uomo in nero a dirigere partite importanti.

Ma, tornando allo scontro con il Green Gully, la partita molto bilanciata nel primo tempo cambiava volto nella ripresa, grazie soprattutto all'entrata in campo del sostituto bianconero Clancy che oltre a dare per forza ai suoi spietati marcatori, si rivelava molto pericoloso in fase conclusiva, mancando di un classico pelo il bersaglio con un magnifico colpo di testa su cross di Ged Bannon. Dieci minuti dopo Rogers produceva una testata a pesce dopo un'ottima azione che la difesa bianconera era riuscita a sventare cercarsi salvarsi in calcio d'angolo sulla destra del portiere; ma Swinscoe riusciva a intervenire sulle linee di fondo e a rimettere alto al centro dell'area dove appunto Rogers incornava con tempestività e batteva il portiere con un colpo che era in mano di Smallman che slavava sulla linea di porta. Il risultante rigore veniva trasformato da Pat Bannon. Con 20 minuti alla fine la Juventus rimaneva in dieci per l'espulsione di Pat Bannon, ma reggeva egregiamente all'arrembaggio avversario indietreggiando Billy Rogers in posizione di libero. Il Green Gully ha inoltre dato segno di stupido arroganza in diverse occasioni quando la difesa, rimettendo la palla in gioco, si

simi spargere l'entusiasmo e trascinare i propri amici a rivedere questa Juventus che ha ben poco da invidiare come complesso alle grandi squadre bianconere. Per questo anche se l'individua non esce come lo erano una volta. Inoltre il tesseramento è fino ad ora il più basso nella storia del club: e questa è una defezione che può essere risolta anche dai fedelissimi soltanto senza andare a scommettere amici. Una cosa però è certa: la Juventus odierà meritata l'incondizionato appoggio sia per il buon comportamento dell'amministrazione che per quello della squadra. Miracoli non possono continuare all'infinito, ma se tutti fanno la stessa parte in proporzione pur modesta, la Juventus ha le carte in regola e ad essere la bella realtà che è stata fino ad ora in questo campionato e, dal prossimo, passare alla Lega Nazionale dove ritornerebbe ad essere una vedetta in campo nazionale. Sia perciò ora esclusivamente ai tifosi, ai simpatizzanti e all'intera comunità sportiva italiana far sentire la loro voce a suon di tesseramenti e di presenze alle partite. A questo proposito elenchiamo qui di seguito i nomi e i numeri telefonici di alcuni dirigenti con i quali mettersi in contatto per esprimere il proprio parere e manifestazioni di sostegno: Sam Manenti (480.3255 ufficio), Vince Verduci (699.2520), Attilio Costanzo (386.6079 ufficio, 850.4448 casa) oppure l'ex presidente Bernardo Santamaria, sempre molto vicino alla squadra, (380.6322 ufficio) e il grande sostenitore Gino Trani presso la sua pizzeria di Sydney Road, Brunswick (386.7050). Da parte sua il comitato dovrebbe ancora rimediare ad almeno un madornale errore di forma fatto nel passato nei confronti del maggior beneficiario del clou per poter continuare sulla collaborazione e sull'appoggio incondizionato di tutti, vecchi e nuovi tifosi.

DIECI TITOLARI DISPONIBILI

Altro punto negativo al quale bisogna per rimedio immediatamente, e sarebbe più facile farlo se i tifosi facessero finalmente il loro dovere come abbiamo appena auspicato, è quello di rinforzare la squadra che domenica prossima può contare soltanto su dieci titolari. Speriamo che questa situazione estrema faccia fare al comitato quello che stiamo suggerendo: di ritrovare la punta di diamante. Il giovane e polare e bene ricordarlo, i tifosi possono vincere partite, ma sono le riserve in panchina che vincono i campionati. Le partenze di Heery e Cavallari, il nuovo infortunio a Zinni, la squalifica di Pat Bannon (almeno per una settimana) e l'indisponibilità di Incantalo (almeno per un mese), hanno ridotto la squadra in condizioni impossibili... e nella squadra riserve c'è il vuoto più assoluto in quanto a rincalzi già pronti, ad eccezione del solo Geremia. A dire il vero il comitato fatto dei titoli tentativi di acquisire qualcosa e sembra che Robert Cullen (ex Preston, attualmente in Inghilterra) dovesse arrivare ai primi di Giugno, ma, se questo fosse vero, occorrerebbe sempre un



buon rincalzo per la difesa e qualche solido prospetto per le riserve. Farsi sfuggire il campionato per mancanza di rincalzi sarebbe criminale.

CRISI FATTE E DISFATTE IN CASA

Sabato il Morwell è finalmente tornato alla vittoria sul terreno di casa, contro il modesto Ringwood, e grazie anche al rientro di Billie. A leggere certa stampa superficiale, la crisi del club è finita. Lo crediamo bene, perché la crisi vera e propria non ci era mai stata se non per la stessa stampa che molta superficialmente l'aveva annunciata un paio di settimane fa. Dopo cinque risultati positivi, la nuova formazione di Boggi era stata battuta dal Pononia (che la settimana dopo batteva anche la Juventus) anche perché il portiere Whiteside si era fatto stupida e spesso espellere lasciandone la sua panchina dieci. La settimana dopo il Morwell veniva battuto dal Croatia, da molti considerata la miglior squadra del campionato nonostante la sconfitta subita la settimana dopo per mano di una grande Juventus; e per finire il suo tour de force, il Morwell veniva quindi battuto immmediatamente dai campioni in carica del Green Gully. Dove fosse la "crisi" bisognerebbe chiedere a certi osservatori con il gusto della tragedia. E, se crisi fosse stata, non vediamo come la vittoria in casa su una delle massime aziende di ristorazione dell'avvenire così miracolosamente dissipata. Perciò, andiamoci piano ragazzi e non inventiamo crisi fatte in casa che non fanno bene a nessuno, anche se fanno titoli sensazionali.

La verità è che la squadra di Boggi ha bisogno di tempo per trovare l'affilatoamento fra i tanti elementi nuovi e il suo tecnico ha bisogno di calma e autorità per apportare i ritocchi necessari. Tutto qui.

IL FAWKNER INGRANA NUOVAMENTE

Domenica, contro il non trascurabile Doveton, il Fawker ha finalmente ingrannato di nuovo la marcia giusta e ha vinto con molta autorità. Il nuovo arrivato Kondario ha dato molta solidità e organizzazione in retata, e soprattutto allo stesso tempo che ruffia l'orrenda su suo ruolo spina nella difesa avversaria che è stata bucata due altre volte dall'altro recente arrivo, Bruno Cozzella, che si è nuovamente dimostrato ottimo opportunitista. Tutta la squadra ha risentito positivamente di questa ritrovata stabilità di ruoli e migliorera ancora per poter puntare a un posto molto dignitoso nel suo primo campionato. Lo Stedman ed essere pronto ad affrontare la quasi-sivolevole di una delle quattro squadre di testa. Come la squadra sta facendo egregiamente le ossa nel massimo campionato, sarebbe anche il caso che il comitato facesse lo stesso, accettando la critica costruttiva quando è giustificata e ricordandosi che

gli articoli sull'acqua di rosa della stampa di casa quando erano i dominatori del campionato inferiori li ha male abituati, anche se all'occasione era comprensibile. Oggi, finalmente fra i primi attori del massimo campionato statale, le loro imprese hanno una risananza ben più vasta e sono esposte al più critica più impegnativa ed a un livello superiore. E' questo tipo di critica che fa crescere le squadre, che porta alla determinazione di far meglio, alla rabbia — anche se per motivi abbagliati — di provare che i giornali avevano torto.

Il nostro non è un'improvvisa mancanza di coraggio, ma sentiamo in dovere di fare ad un club che abbiamo sempre ammirato e che vorremmo raggiungesse il cielo, anche perché il suo successo è lo sprone migliore alla sorella maggiore Juventus e quindi garanzia al successo del calcio italiano in Victoria.

CAVALLARI ANCORA A PIEDI

Tiziano Cavallari non è stato ancora trasferito al Fawker perché la Juventus ha inoltrato un appello contro la decisione del tribunale di rilasciare il giocatore per la modesta somma di \$1.000. Quindi passerà ancora del tempo prima che Cavallari, dopo essersi stancato della panchina juventina e addosso che avrebbe guadagnato i galloni di titolare poiché la squadra è decimata, potrà andare probabilmente a fare la panchina al Fawker che nel frattempo si è rinforzato con gli arrivi di Kondario, Cozzella e Angulo, a cui si aggiungeranno vari Anselma, Curzio, Bruno Sabidussi e Gooney. Il bravo Cavallari non sembra proprio aver tanta fortuna, ma sembra avere anche il dono di non sapersela propiziarsi. Bastava aspettare un pochettino in più, dopo che hanno aspettato per lui per tre stagioni, oppure essere un pochettino più diplomatico e corretto nel chiedere il trasferimento. Comunque a nome di tutti i tifosi che lo "aspettano" da tanto tempo, gli auguriamo il successo che i suoi grandi meriti tecnici dovranno dargli. E speriamo naturalmente che quello di tornare alla panchina juventina, chiudere la bocca e finalmente dimostrare quello che sa fare con i piedi. La Juventus è rimasta in dieci, la "chance" perciò non gliela toglierebbe nessuno. E, poi starebbe a lui soltanto.

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